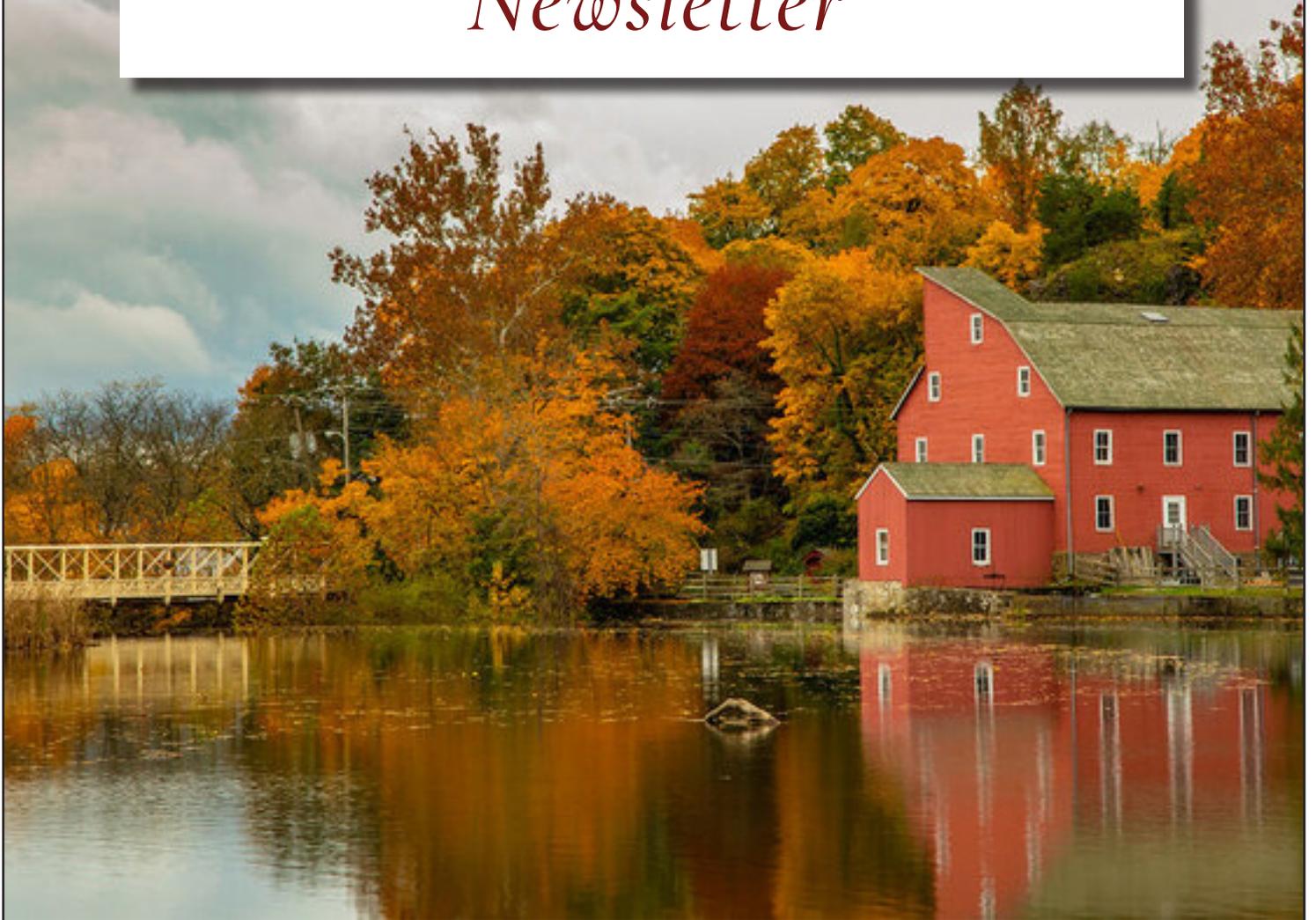


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FROM THE MAYOR

Janice Kovach, Mayor

As we step into a new season, I find myself reflecting on the strength and resilience that define our wonderful town. So much has happened over the last three years (for those of you who are Avenger fans, I frequently refer to it as the Marvel blip). I want to take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude for your unwavering support and resilience. The strength of our community lies in the unity of its residents, and I am confident that together we can overcome any challenge and continue to thrive.

Now that we are back in full swing with our events, I want to remind everyone that from now until the end of the year we have so much taking place in town. I hope to see you as we celebrate the seasons! I also want to give a shout out to all the

students going back to school – I hope you all have an absolutely amazing year.

You're going to see new Welcome to Clinton signs in town soon. Our very own Karen Romagna has updated the picture that will soon grace all our welcome points. Thank you to the Historic Commission for really taking this project and running with it. Many have reached out about getting the signs updated and yes, we heard you so stay tuned!

There is also another mural currently under way in town on the Audio Video Synergy building. A local high school freshman, Ava Valley, is working on that project. We saw the amazing mural she did at Clinton Twp Middle School, and we are so



FROM THE MAYOR (CONT)

Janice Kovach, Mayor

excited that she is now downtown painting. When you see her out there on the weekends, make sure you stop and say hello. Of course, we are grateful to the Friendly Sons who have generously offered to help offset some of the cost of materials.

Preserving our history while moving forward is a delicate balance we strive to achieve. Our town's historical landmarks and buildings hold the stories of generations past. This collaborative effort will guarantee that our town's rich heritage continues to be cherished and passed down to future residents. Ava is providing a visual tribute to two of those landmarks with her mural.

Please remember that our local businesses are the lifeblood of our economy, and as residents it's important that we are dedicated to their success. By choosing local, we not only bolster our economy but also create a tightly knit community that thrives on mutual support.

In conclusion, please remember that my office is always open to your ideas, concerns, and feedback. My cell is always on 908-399-8921 or email jkovach@clintonnj.gov. Your voices are integral to the decisions we make and the future we build for Clinton. Thank you for your continued commitment to making



LEARN MORE

There are many different ways to learn about what is going on in the Town of Clinton as well as the entire County. We recommend visiting the following websites and signing up e-mail updates:

Town of Clinton
www.clintonnj.gov

Clinton Police Department
www.clintonjpolice.com

South Branch Emergency Services
www.sbes365.org

Clinton Fire Department
www.clintonfd.org

Hunterdon County
www.co.hunterdon.nj.us

Hunterdon County Department of Public Safety
www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/911

Additionally, several of the entities above have separate Facebook pages as well, so feel free to "Like" them for additional updates.



Our annual Free Rabies Clinic will be held on November 11th this year from 8-11am in the Municipal Barn.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

May 2023-June 2023

May 10, 2023

Volleyball Tournament

Carroll Bissiotis presented the Council with a trophy for their victory at the Clinton Public School 8th grade volleyball game. Hoping to make it an annual event - it was great fun!

Plaque

Mr. Clinton Cort and his wife, Sandy, have been visiting cities named Clinton all over the Country and we were Number 19! Clinton is his family name and he shared information about DeWitt Clinton, former Governor of New York and our namesake. It was such a pleasant meeting and they simply loved Clinton, New Jersey!

Government Week

4th graders at CPS wrote letters and

asked questions which Mayor Kovach will respond to. CPS 6th graders asked Mayor Kovach to talk to them about what it is Council does and how local government works. Mayor Kovach will also deliver letters the 6th graders wrote to the State House supporting the bill to allow for Christmas Tree burning.

EMS Week Proclamation

Mayor Kovach called members of the Squad headed by Chief Frank Setnick, Sharon Burnham, Rich Deane, Tyler Klutkowski, Ashley Vorndran, Avery Garriques, Kyle Howard, Chris Miller, Walt Dorf and Faistoma Starcher, and read a proclamation in honor of Emergency Services. The South Branch Emergency Services is an outstanding group of people and we thank them every day for their services.

VETERAN'S HAVEN NORTH PRESENTATION

David Culley, Superintendent of Veteran's Haven North, Glen Gardner, attended this evening with

Karl Vanderhyde, a former resident and now an employee. Mr. Culley gave a detailed and impressive description of the facility that is run by the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

May 24, 2023

Proclamations

Mayor Kovach presented two. The first is thanking the Rentoulis Family as part of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick gifting of the Irish flag. Second, recognizing the Red Mill and the Wheels for the Wheel campaign.

Route 78

Nicholas Henry from Congressman Kean's office was in town to see the concerns that have continued to be raised around Route 78 runoff, noise and safety. He acknowledged that it is the DOT's jurisdiction but that the Congressman's office will continue to work with them.



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Ribbon Cuttings

Councilman Kashwick and Mayor Kovach cut the ribbon to the opening of the spring/summer Farmer's Market. Councilwoman Padmos attended Ribbon Cutting for the Clinton Music. She also attended a great event at the Towne Restaurant where the Friendly Son's of St. Patrick presented an Irish flag to Dino and Chrisa for their unending support! Other Ribbon Cuttings were held at The Daily Dose and Clinton Corner Barber.

CPS

A second grade walking history tour with Mrs. Lione and Mrs. Platt of the Historic Commission. The students were very impressive with their interest and participation. A huge thank you to Holly Lione and Rosemarie Platt for making that happen along with CPS.

New Employee

Welcome Brian Testa as the School Resource Officer for the Town of Clinton Police Department.

Clinton Fire Department

Grill nights have begun and a great turnout for the beginning of the season! Classic Car Night was held and very well attended. Planning a Veteran's event for November. Two new Jr. members, Kyle Howard and Russell Wintermute have joined the team. Russell is the son of a former chief Scott Wintermute and grandson of Bill Wintermute, another former chief.

Children's Library

Patrick Taylor is building a new children's library at Hunts Mill Park.

June 14, 2023

Platinum Club

Platinum Club had a successful brunch on June 4. Thank you to Liz Hedden, the Clinton Fire Department and the

Towne Restaurant for a great breakfast and lunch and to Councilman Traphagen for providing the music. Everyone had a nice time!

Ribbon Cuttings

Held a ribbon cutting at Clinton Corner Barbers and Dunkin' and celebrated Scoops opening.

Committee Appointments

John Schneiderhan was appointed to the Economic Development Committee and Ryan Pender was appointed to the Recreation Committee.

Proclamations

Mayor Kovach attended the CPS Board Meeting and distributed Proclamations to the Boys Baseball team – District Champs!

New Employee

Welcome Janet Chamberlain as the Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police for the Town of Clinton Police Department.

Recreation Committee

Car pool Cinema to be rescheduled for September, keeping the license expiration in mind. Committee member, Sean Rogan, daughter Grace, is going to run a tennis camp for one week at the end of July or early August! More details to follow! Way to go, Grace!! Picnic rain date is September 23.

June 28, 2023

Police Department

Mayor Kovach announced that Officer Alex Jaszyn of the Police Department finished his one year probation period and has been permanently appointed.

Flag Day

A Flag Day parade and Flag retirement ceremony took place last Friday. Mayor Kovach would like to thank the Clinton Guild for hosting and to Boy Scout Troop 121 for their band and also for

the flag retirement ceremony at the Red Mill Museum.

Basketball Court

Mayor Kovach thanked Patrick Taylor for the donation of a new net for the basketball court.

New Employee

Welcome Robert Gloss to the Water/Roads Department for the Town of Clinton.

Playground

Councilwomen Johnson and Padmos would like to thank all who came out to help tear down the playground at the Community Center: Friendly Sons of St. Patrick's, Jeff Hedden and Russ from Russ' Wrench for help making it a very fast demo of the playground, Joe Swemmer of Swemmer, LLC who took all the old equipment away and special thanks to Nicole Ayers. There is no delivery date for the new equipment yet but will inform Mayor and Council when they do.

Fun Run

The Fun Run was changed to Sunday, June 25, because of the weather. It was a very successful run. Thanks to Mayor Kovach for coming out and running with the kids.

Just Chill

Congratulations to Just Chill for celebrating their 10th Anniversary with a ribbon cutting, free ice cream and giveaways.

Historic Commission

Councilman Traphagen announced that Karen Romagna, a resident on Leigh Street, is in the process of making a new painting for the welcoming signs coming into Town. She is very close to completion.

Tree Dedication

Tree dedication will be held July 1 for Jack Holt a former long-time resident. The tree is located between the Towne Restaurant and Old Sub Base. The tree was planted last year.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

*John Creech, Chairperson,
creechjohn6@gmail.com*

The EDC is pleased to say we we've had the pleasure of numerous ribbon-cuttings over the past few months and honored to participate in recognizing new businesses in Clinton or anniversaries. It's a testament to the strength of businesses and our charming town which continues to get accolades for its charm.

Those recently celebrated include:

- Lady of Leitrim
- Beyond Bijoux
- Just Chill
- Town of Clinton Playground
- Clinton Music Studios
- Clinton's Corner Barber
- Lucia and Gretel's Latin Cuisine
- Stonybrook Realtors
- The Red Mill

Upcoming celebrations are:

- Chameleon Blue
- Ameriprise Financial

Please support our local merchants and enjoy the upcoming holidays and Shop Clinton!

Fall In Love With Clinton!



PLATINUM CLUB

Norma Kania, Chair, nkania@aol.com

Social Security turned 88 years old on August 21st

Congress has made a number of changes to Social Security in recent years – chief among them the increase in the retirement age. The full retirement age is 66 for those born between 1943 and 1954, but gradually increases for people born after that until it reaches 67 for those born in 1960 or later. For people turning 62 in 2023, their full retirement age will be 67. Those born between August 1956 and June of 1957 will hit their full retirement age of 66 in 2023.

Social Security Changes

The biggest change for 2023 was the 8.7 percent cost-of-living increase for Social Security recipients, effective in January. But several other changes happen as well:

- The maximum earnings subject to Social Security increased to \$160,200 from \$147,000. This is part of the effort by Congress to extend the solvency of the Social Security fund.
- For those who claim Social Security benefits early and continue to work, earnings limits increased in 2023. Those early retirees can earn up to \$21,240 in 2023, up from \$19,560, according to the Social Security Administration. After that \$1 will be deducted from your check for every \$2 you earn that exceeds the limit.

Also, the once-popular file and suspend tax strategy for couples will end for those who were grandfathered in when the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2016 eliminated the tax strategy for those born after Jan. 1, 1954. It was basically a claiming strategy that allowed the lower-earning spouse in a marriage at full retirement age to claim spousal benefits and delay their own benefits until a future date when they are higher.

The opportunity for anybody to execute those strategies is going to end up going away by the end of this year. These are no longer strategies that would ever make sense because everybody who is born before January 1, 1954, is going to be at least 70 years old by January 1 of 2024.

Age 70 is when people qualify for their maximum Social Security benefit. So, it's kind of coming up on the official end of the restricted application and file system on January 1, 2024.

Most experts expect more changes to come from Congress which must act to stabilize the system. Among those changes are expected increasing or eliminating the cap on maximum earnings subject to Social Security and again increasing the age for full retirement benefits.

They've consistently made tweaks to the program and they can certainly look to continue to make those tweaks. They can increase the full retirement age again, which would help, though it's tough to read the tea leaves and we don't want to speculate too much.

Social Security Survivor Benefits Not Impacted

These changes affect SS Retirement benefits, not Survivor Benefits. Anyone collecting Survivor Benefits due to the death of a spouse can still switch to their own SS Retirement Benefit at age 70 if they wish.

Outlook for 2024

Although the Social Security Administration (SSA) won't be announcing any concrete changes to the program until the second week of October, current and prospective beneficiaries can expect changes to take effect in 2024.

It is estimated that Social Security recipients will receive a COLA (Cost Of Living Adjustment) of 3% in 2024. Certainly a disappointment from the 2023 increase. This means that the average retired worker would receive an extra \$55.12 in monthly benefits, while spouses would get an additional \$26.79, survivors would get \$43.56 more, and disabled workers would get an additional \$44.59 per month.

It is anticipated that the bar to qualify for social security will most likely be raised. Thresholds for retiring early and filing early will most likely be raised.

The Platinum Club of Clinton

This article is brought to you by the Platinum Club of Clinton. The Platinum Club is open to Clinton residents aged 55 and over. The mission of the Platinum Club is to promote healthy aging, independence, and the well-being of older adults through health, wellness, educational, cultural, and recreational programs and services. For more information, please contact Chairperson Norma Kania at: nkania@aol.com.



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CLINTON CONSERVANCY GARDENS

When the Clinton Conservancy first started our gardens 6 years ago, one of the first native plants we planted was Mountain Mint. As an avid gardener, I was only familiar with non-native varieties of mint that have the ability to quickly overtake a garden.

After observing Mountain Mint in our town gardens over the years, I highly recommend planting this native plant in any residential garden. It has been determined by Penn State trials to be the top pollinator-friendly native plant. According to Penn State, pairing Mountain Mint with Stiff Goldenrod yields the greatest diversity of pollinators of any combination of plants.

Mountain Mint is easy to grow and can grow in many soil types. Its spread is easily managed by pulling it up by its shallow roots in areas where you don't want it to grow. The greatest surprise I discovered about Mountain Mint is that it is very deer resistant.

The mint scent is helping keep the deer away from entire gardens. If you are looking for a deer resistant native plant that is friendly to pollinators and works well with other plants, be sure to plant Mountain Mint. The Native Plant Society of NJ shares this list of nurseries that carry native plants.



HISTORIC COMMISSION

Rosemarie Platt, Chair

The Clinton Historic Preservation Commission spent the summer focusing on a number of projects including replacement of the Welcome to Historic Clinton Signs which will have a whole new painting of the Red Mill beautifully painted by Karen Romagna. We are working with Karen and, Craig Reuter's, Main Street Communications to create a longer lasting and more sustainable signs.

The Lebanon Township Museum curator, Gina Sampaio, extended an invitation to our commissioner and historian to come visit as well as tour their amazing museum. We can highly recommend a visit to the Lebanon Township Museum. The museum has seasonal exhibits as well as tons to look at that relate to the area. You can check out what they are doing at Friends of Lebanon Township Museum Facebook page.

Our June Garden Party featuring a tour of Bonnell Tavern by Hank Bonnell was a great success. Hank treated us to the many intricacies of the tavern as well as rousing tales from its storied history. We wish to extend our thanks not only to Hank but to Kala and Rick Hill for hosting us after the tour in their phenomenal gardens.

Our next event will be a Cemetery tour in the beginning of October! We are looking forward to again spinning some spooky tales as we learn about those who lived and passed here in Clinton.

The Clinton Historic Preservation Commission applied for a grant last Spring through the New Jersey Historical Commission and the first week in August found out we were indeed awarded the grant.

The \$5000 Grant will be used to allow us to designate the Gebhardt Baseball field and it's Wooden Grandstand an historic landmark.

The Grant will also allow us to purchase signage depicting the history of the field. If you wish to find out more about the history of the baseball field which, photographs show teams playing on the field with the grandstand in place as early as 1902, on our Town of Clinton, NJ - Historic Preservation Commission page.

Speaking of Facebook...make sure you have like and follow our Town of Clinton, NJ - Historic Preservation Commission page! We have recently posted about some fascinating historic Clinton Characters.

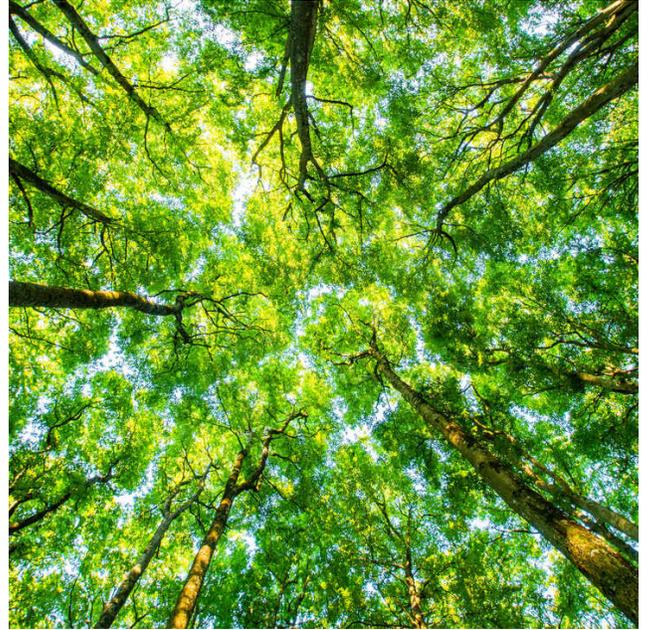
SHADE TREE COMMISSION

John Kashwick, Councilman

Are you looking to zhuzh up your curb appeal? Do you want to mark an event or remember a loved one? Maybe you need some shade around the deck? Then you might be considering planting a tree. And when you do, you want to make sure you're planting a native tree. They're beneficial to your groundwater, to your soil, they support helpful insects and basically... they just belong here! Through the millenium, nature has, through trial and error, presented us with the perfect mix of trees, plants and animals that work. We've uploaded a handy guide to help you decide on the perfect tree for you!

<https://www.clintonnj.gov/shade-tree-commission> just scroll down to "Recommended Trees for Planting"

So choose native; it's going to look great and you'll be supporting your local ecosystem!



OCTOBER 13-28th

Haunted Mill
Red Mill Museum Village

Get spooked at this years Haunted Mill, with the new theme, "The Dead Don't Die"

OCTOBER 20th

Pumpkin Fest
6:00 - 9:00 PM, Main Street

Pumpkin carving festival and family fun!

NOVEMBER 24-26th

Dickens Days
All day downtown

Experience Clinton as a Victorian village with horse and carriage rides, caroling, festive shopping and more!

NOVEMBER 24-26 & DECEMBER 1-3

Winter Village at the Red Mill
Red Mill Museum Village

Enjoy holiday shopping at this outdoor winter market, now two weekends this year!

DECEMBER 1

Christmas Parade
7:00 PM, Main Street

Experience the magic of the season at the annual Clinton Christmas Parade!

EVERY SUNDAY MORNING

Clinton Community Farmers Market
9:00 am - 5:00 pm, Clinton Community Center,
63 Halstead Street

Organic food and hand-crafted gifts!



CLINTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jeff Hedden, Chief

During the third quarter of 2023, CFD volunteers answered 110 emergency calls for service. This brings our calls for service to a total of 269 to date for 2023. We are always looking for new members to help answer calls and/or help with administrative rolls and support functions such as fundraising and other events in our organization. If you are interested in helping with any position please send us an email to officers@clintonfd.org

CFD will be very active in our community in the next few months. We have an upcoming Veterans Appreciation Grill Night on October 20th. We will help in supporting the Clinton Holiday Parade, Santa Around Town and the Holiday Tree Lighting. We also have our Santa Gift Delivery Fundraiser coming up in December. Contact the fire house for more details.

To stay in the loop with all of our upcoming events, make sure to follow us on Facebook (Clinton Fire Department) and Instagram (@station45fire)



SOUTH BRANCH EMERGENCY SERVICES

Frank Setnicky, SBES Chief, chief@sbes365.org

Meet SBES Volunteer Cadet Nina Cirianni

A Meaningful Present Prepares Her
for Her Future



As two South Branch Emergency Services EMTs treated the adult with a medical emergency, 17-year-old Cadet Nina Cirianni focused on the patient's two young children.

"I talked to them about what they were doing earlier that day – they had gone to the dentist. We talked about the Tooth Fairy," Nina said. "I was able to take their mind off the situation a bit. I think they would have been more scared if they didn't have someone to talk to."

Nina joined SBES in June 2021 when she was 15. Squad members made a presentation at North Hunterdon High School about the emergency medical, transport, and rescue services SBES provides, the important role volunteers play, and the free training available. Nina, a student in the Biomedical Sciences Academy who hopes to become an emergency room physician, couldn't pass up the opportunity. "I thought it would be a good way to expose myself to emergency medicine," she said.

Her SBES tenure began with training drills and meetings, where she learned skills that helped prepare her to assist EMTs on the ambulance. Assisting, observing, and asking questions of the EMTs she began riding with has helped her succeed in EMT class, which she will finish this month. "They have so much knowledge, I've learned a lot from the people I ride with," she said. At this point in her EMT education, Nina can have a more direct role in patient care, including taking vital signs. "I hope to take the EMT exam as soon as possible and continue to volunteer as an EMT," Nina said.

When she's not volunteering or in class, Nina plays lacrosse and soccer. A rising high school senior who lives in Whitehouse Station, she plans to study health sciences and play lacrosse at Eastern Connecticut State University.

Nina's continuing experience and training as an SBES volunteer has made her feel more confident and prepared for her future, she said. She also loves making a difference in her community right now. "Especially since I've started riding the ambulance, I've really seen how important a job it really is and how much of an impact you can make on people as the first ones to start patient care."

FARMERS MARKET

The Clinton Community Farmer's Market, located at Clinton's Community Center on Halstead Street, strives to be exactly what its name portrays: a market for the community. The goal of the Sunday morning Market is to create a place where local small businesses can gather to showcase their craft and sell their products to others within the community. When you shop the Market, you're meeting the person who grows, writes, creates or makes the products you're buying! The Market focuses on the connections between the people behind the products, and the people buying the products. What could be better than shaking the hand that picked the vegetables for that night's meal?

The Market offers a variety of farmers, growers, food vendors, and makers. The farmers have a great selection of seasonal produce as well as local farm-raised meats, eggs, and honey. Other food vendors have products ranging from gluten-free and vegan baked goods to homemade salsas to delicious chocolates! Your stop at the market wouldn't be complete before browsing our incredibly talented makers. Find expertly crafted soap, local wildlife photos, and stunning cutting boards to take home with you. Stop in to browse for groceries for the week, find a gift for a friend, or even just to say hello to the vendors. You can feel good about every purchase made at the market, knowing that you're supporting your local businesses!

The Clinton Community Farmer's Market also periodically hosts events featuring local musicians, games, activities, and photo booths! The Clinton Community Farmer's Market truly is a place for everyone - even the four legged family members! If you make it a regular stop in your Sunday routine, don't be surprised if when vendors begin greeting you by name and remembering your weekly order!

The Clinton Community Farmer's Market is open Sundays, 9am to 1pm, from May through October. The Market changes hours, from to 10am-1pm, starting the first weekend of November through the end of April for our Indoor Winter season. Just look for the Farmer's Market flag!

See you Sunday!



The Recreation Committee has had a busy year planning many fun events for all our residents. If you are new to the town, we'd like to share some of the events we've organized to date and let you know what's happening in the coming months.

January - The 14th Annual Yuletide Bonfire. A total of over \$14,000 was raised for the Clinton Fire Department to help them accomplish valuable state mandated training for their volunteer members. Residents and friends enjoyed a fun filled winter evening with an incredibly big and beautiful bonfire. The evening included horse drawn sleigh rides, bagpipers, hot chocolate, and many sweet treats.

March - The 2nd Annual Flashlight Egg Hunt. This was held at Hunts Mill Park. The Recreation Committee along with help from the Fire Department and our sponsor, K.M. Gomes & Sons HVAC, hosted a nighttime egg hunt with a special visit from the Easter Bunny and many prizes for the kids!

July - The Summer Recreation Program at CPS. The program was a huge success with an outstanding staff and reached full capacity with 175 children that included both half day and full day options. Several exciting field trips were a part of the program including a trip to the Planetarium, the Branchburg Sports Complex and kayaking with Yellow Dog Paddle. Some activities included trips to town for a visit to Just Chill and the Towne Restaurant. Other activities took place at CPS including Bob the Juggler and a camper favorite, a water day courtesy of the Clinton Fire Department.

July - Clinton Kids Tennis Camp -run by our own Grace Rogan who organized and executed a very successful tennis camp week at the end of July and was assisted by her volunteers Ella, Kirstyn and Tricia. Their sponsors Ace Tech Pest Control and the Towne Restaurant were an integral part of funding the program. The participants learned basic tennis strokes and rules of the game while having a lot of fun. Kona Ice visited for the last day of camp. There is much enthusiasm about continuing this camp next year.

August - Vintage Baseball Games. These were hosted at historic Gebhardt Field by the Neshanock Baseball Club of Flemington and played by 19th Century rules.

August - The Hooper Annual Canoe Races. These took place by the Halstead Bridge on the South Branch of the Raritan honoring the memory of longtime town resident and event organizer Frank Hooper. Neighborhoods and families competed in a variety of different categories with trophies for the winners. The event included head-to-head canoe races between the Police, Fire, and EMS! Many came out to participate or even just to watch the event! A special thank you to our event sponsor The

Friendly Sons of St. Patrick.

The Annual Town Picnic at Hunt's Mill Park. September 9th (rain date Sept. 23rd)- is slated to kick off at 3pm. It's our biggest event of the year. Organizers work hard to bring you this fun-filled family event. Friends and neighbors come together for music, food, bounce houses, dunk tank, field games and amazing fireworks you don't want to miss! Once again, the New Jersey State Police Helicopter will touch down for a close-up look, and a question and answer with the pilots and crew. Bring out your blankets, tents, and chairs, and celebrate the end of summer with your neighbors!

Carpool Cinema Night- September 30 (rain date October 7th). Jump in the car with your whole family and come to our Carpool Cinema Night at Hunts Mill Park being presented by the Clinton Guild and supported by the Recreation Committee. We'll be featuring the movie Ghostbusters. The movie will be broadcast on your FM radio so viewers will be able to listen on your car stereos. Parking begins at 5:45 and the movie starts at dusk around 7:15. The cost is \$25 per car and tickets can be purchased by visiting this link: clinton-guild.ticketleap.com or using this QR code.



Buy Tickets!

You don't want to miss this fun-filled family night out to get in the Halloween spirit!

Stayed tuned for more information regarding an upcoming Kids Movie night and further updates from the Recreation Committee on our Facebook page - Recreation Committee Town of Clinton NJ. Finally, we'd like you to know that the Recreation Committee along with the Town Council have revamped the Community Center Fee Schedule, making it easier for residents and non-residents to rent the Community Center on Halstead Street for events. Please consider renting the Community Center for family events, fundraisers, organized activities, or any other function that might require more space than your home can accommodate. The process is easy and inexpensive. You can visit the town website for details or call the municipal offices to reserve your space at any time. The Recreation Committee welcomes anyone who would like to volunteer to help us with any of our events. We meet the 3rd Thursday of every month at 7pm in the Town Council Room or you can reach out to us through the Town website.



Inclusive Playground's New Swings and Tot Area Complete

Molly Padmos, Councilwoman

Our community came together in a big way this summer – donating funds, labor, equipment and mulch – to complete Phase 2 of Town's inclusive playground.

The traditional and inclusive tandem swings as well as slides and climbing equipment for children ages 2 to 5 were installed in late July and are now open to the public.

The new equipment, purchased with state grant money and a donation from Friends of the Town of Clinton Parks and Events (the booster club), replaced the more than 30-year-old swings, tot climbers and slides located between Halstead Street and the new tennis/pickleball court.

This project would not have been possible without:

- Members of Town of Clinton Fire Department, Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, Town Council, Playground Committee and the booster club for taking down the old equipment and finding volunteers to haul it away for free.
- Town of Clinton's Department of Public Works employees for removing the old mulch and the residents who hauled it away.
- Ragozine's Landscaping for coordinating the delivery of 171 yards of playground grade mulch at cost, splitting the bill with the booster club. And to Mike Ragozine for personally donating his time and equipment to move that massive pile of mulch into more workable ones around the play area.
- The team of volunteers coordinated by Playground Committee chairwoman, Nicole Ayers, including residents, members of the Playground Committee, and Mayor Janice Kovach and family, who spread all that mulch during sweltering heat.
- Designer Dogs for donating lunch to all those hungry volunteers.
- Countless local sponsors – from business owners to little ones hosting lemonade stands to residents who supported booster club fundraisers. Thanks to your generosity, this project to date has been entirely funded through donations and grants – not tax dollars.

Up next for the playground is Phase 3, an inclusive ramped structure with adaptive and traditional slides up to 12-feet tall, multiple climbers, sensory experiences and more. Phase 3 will be funded through a combination of grants secured by Town and donations and sponsorships raised by the booster club. Those who would like to contribute to the project – with either monetary or in-kind donations of labor and services – should reach out to the booster club at www.friendsofclinton.org or email friendsofclintonparks@gmail.com.



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION/ GREEN TEAM

John Kashwick, Councilman

The Green Team continues to flourish. Over the past few months, the Green Team has accomplished many of its goals, including:

In June, the Mayor and Council passed a Green Grounds and Maintenance policy developed by the Green Team. This ensures that any work done on municipal properties will avoid using chemical fertilizers, have little or no watering needs, and use organic, non-invasive plants and materials. With the event sponsor Weichert Realtors, the Green Team participated in a paper shredding day that collected over a ton of paper.

In July, we partnered with Clinton Township and High Bridge to hold a Green Fair and EV Car Show in Bundt Park. The event was well attended, with almost two dozen exhibitors and 20 vehicles on display, including the state's only in-service EV police vehicle.

In August, the Green Team partnered with the Shade Tree Commission to do a tree identification walk. We plan another event like this later in the year and again in the spring.

In the coming months, the Green Team and Environmental Commission will also be working on a "leave the leaves" educational program and looking into ways to help improve the health of the river. The Green Team is also looking for ways to support our Farmers Market and local businesses, encouraging people to shop locally.

We continue to grow and welcome new members to the team. We want to make Clinton a greener, healthier, and more sustainable place to live. If interested in joining the Green Team, please contact Councilman John Kashwick at jkashwick@clintonnj.gov.





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MEETINGS

COUNCIL MEETING

7:30 PM 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month

RECREATION COMMITTEE

7:30 PM 3rd Thursday of each month

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

7:30 PM 3rd Monday of each month

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION

6:30 PM 3rd Wednesday of each month

LAND USE BOARD

7:00 PM 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

7:30 PM 3rd Thursday of each month

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

7:30 PM 2nd Tuesday of each month

PLATINUM CLUB (Seniors Committee)

4:00 PM 1st Friday of each month

TRASH PICKUP: EVERY TUESDAY

RECYCLING PICKUP: EVERY FRIDAY